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## Taiwan

### Poultry and Products

# Taiwan Bans Imports of California Poultry and Poultry Products 2002

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#### Report Highlights:

**On October 15, in reaction to the outbreak of Newcastle Disease in game bird flocks in the Los Angeles area, Taiwan banned the import of most poultry and poultry products, including dry pet food, from California. The ban has an effective date of October 3, 2002. Products originating in California, produced or loaded for shipment on or after October 3 are banned entry into Taiwan. The ban also affects poultry and poultry products, including pet food transiting California. However, transit may be undertaken in sealed containers.**

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On October 15, Taiwan's Council of Agriculture (COA) and Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ) announced the designation of the State of California as a Newcastle Disease area. All shipments of fresh, chilled, frozen and other related poultry products produced or loaded in California on or after October 3, 2002 are prohibited entry into Taiwan. This action was taken in reaction to the outbreak of Newcastle Disease in game bird flocks in the Los Angeles area.

The ban also applies to poultry-containing dry pet foods. Canned pet foods and canned poultry meat are permitted entry.

Poultry and products, as well as pet foods, transiting California in sealed containers may be imported into Taiwan. The container seal number(s) must be noted on the APHIS Export Certificate. Exporters/Shippers as well as APHIS inspectors should pay close attention to the accuracy of the container seal number noted on the Export Certificate as Taiwan BAPHIQ inspectors have been known to require a reissued certificate when there is even a one digit difference in such numbers. Post also strongly recommends that the Export Certificate be issued at the origin of the shipment rather than at the loading point in California to avoid any questions. The importer must inform BAPHIQ inspectors of the transit arrangements.

FAS/Taipei is working with APHIS and BAPHIQ to achieve a more confined regionalization of the quarantine ban.